

What is claimed is:

1. A moving handrail for a passenger conveyor including a linear belt of which two end portions are connected forming a loop;

5 said linear belt being composed of:

 a single-layer or multilayer of thermoplastic elastomer of C-shape in cross section;

 metallic and web-shaped metal stretch inhibitors disposed along a longitudinal direction of said thermoplastic
10 elastomer; and

 base members coupled inside of said thermoplastic elastomer; said thermoplastic elastomer, metal stretch inhibitor and base member being integrally molded;

 wherein, at said connection portion forming a loop, a
15 splice junction between said metal stretch inhibitors and a joint where the base members are connected together at both end portions with the use of an auxiliary backing are disposed so as not to overlap in a direction of thickness of the moving handrail; and said metal stretch inhibitors having been spliced
20 are enclosed with a thermoplastic elastomer.

2. The moving handrail for a passenger conveyor according to claim 1, wherein both end portions of said metal stretch inhibitors of said connection portion are overlapped and
25 spliced together so as to sandwich a buffer layer composed of both or either one of a thermoplastic resin sheet and a thermosetting resin sheet, otherwise via a buffer layer directly applied with a liquid resin, and said metal stretch inhibitors having been spliced are enclosed with a thermoplastic
30 elastomer.

3. The moving handrail for a passenger conveyor according to claim 1, wherein said linear belt is composed of an inner layer thermoplastic elastomer of C-shape in cross section and
5 an outer layer thermoplastic elastomer of an elastic modulus different from that of said inner layer thermoplastic elastomer; and said connection portion forming a loop comprises a butt joint where said inner layer thermoplastic elastomer is abutting at both ends thereof that are formed into a straight
10 line inclined at an angle of more than 0° to less than 90° with respect to a longitudinal direction, or into a curved line.

4. The moving handrail for a passenger conveyor according to claim 1, wherein said linear belt is composed of an inner layer thermoplastic elastomer of C-shape in cross section and an outer layer thermoplastic elastomer of an elastic modulus different from that of said inner layer thermoplastic elastomer; and there is provided a gap of not less than 1 mm
15 at a butt joint between the ends of said inner layer thermoplastic elastomer.
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5. A moving handrail for a passenger conveyor including a linear belt of which two end portions are connected forming
25 a loop;

 said linear belt being composed of: a single-layer or multilayer of thermoplastic elastomer of C-shape in cross section;

 metallic and web-shaped metal stretch inhibitors
30 disposed along a longitudinal direction of the thermoplastic

elastomer; and

base members coupled inside of said thermoplastic elastomer; said thermoplastic elastomer, metal stretch inhibitor and base member being integrally molded;

5 wherein said connection portion of said moving handrail for a passenger conveyor comprises: a splice junction between said metal stretch inhibitors; and a joint where both ends of the base member are formed into a straight line inclined at an angle of more than 0° to less than 90° with respect to 10 a longitudinal direction or into a curved line and connected together with the use of an auxiliary backing overlapped therewith in the same overlapping width; and

 said splice junction between the metal stretch inhibitors is covered with the thermoplastic elastomer.

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6. The moving handrail for a passenger conveyor according to claim 5, wherein both end portions of said metal stretch inhibitors of said connection portion are overlapped and spliced together so as to sandwich a buffer layer composed 20 of both or either one of a thermoplastic resin sheet and a thermosetting resin sheet, otherwise via a buffer layer directly applied with a liquid resin, and said metal stretch inhibitors having been spliced are enclosed with a thermoplastic elastomer.

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7. A moving handrail for a passenger conveyor including a linear belt of which two end portions are connected forming a loop;

 said linear belt being composed of:

30 a single-layer or multilayer of thermoplastic elastomer

of C-shape in cross section;

metallic and web-shaped metal stretch inhibitors disposed along a longitudinal direction of the thermoplastic elastomer; and

5 base members coupled inside of said thermoplastic elastomer; said thermoplastic elastomer, metal stretch inhibitor and base member being integrally molded;

wherein said connection portion of said moving handrail for a passenger conveyor comprises: a splice junction where 10 said metal stretch inhibitors are overlapped and spliced so that both end portions having been formed into a straight line inclined at an angle of more than 0° to less than 90° with respect to a longitudinal direction or into a curved line may be overlapped in the same width; and a joint where the base members 15 at both end portions are connected together with the use of an auxiliary backing; and

said splice junction between the metal stretch inhibitors is covered with the thermoplastic elastomer.

20 8. The moving handrail for a passenger conveyor according to claim 7, wherein both end portions of said metal stretch inhibitors of said connection portion are overlapped and spliced together so as to sandwich a buffer layer composed of both or either one of a thermoplastic resin sheet and a 25 thermosetting resin sheet, otherwise via a buffer layer directly applied with a liquid resin, and said metal stretch inhibitors having been spliced are enclosed with a thermoplastic elastomer.